



Lake Park Villager

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GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

Village government meetings and elections are held at the Community Center and are open to the public.

Nov 27-28 Village Office Closed: Thanksgiving

Dec 9 7:00 PM Public Hearing & Council Meeting

No December Meetings:

January dates for Planning Board and Commissions for Economic Development and Parks & Recreation will be in next month's *Lake Park Villager*, December 2014 issue.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LAKE PARK PUBLIC PARKS OPEN DAWN TO DUSK YEAR ROUND

LAKE PARK TENNIS COURTS LIMIT USE TO 1 HOUR – ALL USERS
PAUL WOLFALE RECREATION COMPLEX

LAKE PARK SINGLES CHRISTMAS PARTY **AGES 45+**
DEC 12 – 7:00 PM FOR LOCATION & OTHER INFO: 882-3107

HOA CHRISTMAS EVENT RIDES & REFRESHMENTS
DEC 7 – 5:30 – 6:30 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

SAGES EVENTS INFORMATION: 882-2005
DEC 1 – 1:00 PM CARD GAMES LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
DEC 10 – 5:00 PM CHRISTMAS PARTY LOGAN'S, HWY 74, MONROE NC
DEC 15 – 11:15 AM LUNCH MEET AT LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

ONCE-A-MONTH FURNITURE PICKUP **SECOND THURSDAY ONLY**
DEC 11 – 7:00 AM PLACE BULKY ITEMS AT CURB

Lake Park Villager **DECEMBER ISSUE INSERTION DEADLINE**
DEC 12 – 5:00 PM CONTACT SANDY COUGHLIN

GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER & GIFT EXCHANGE
DEC 15 – 6:00 PM "GOLD & WHITE" LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

STUDENTS GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION
DEC 19 – 10:00 AM CENTRAL ACADEMY AT LAKE PARK

*Happy
Thanksgiving!*



Welcome to all relatives and friends visiting during the holidays. Please honor posted speed limits, parks rules and parking ordinances.

Friday Waste Collection

Due to Thanksgiving being a holiday, Waste Pro will pick up on Friday November 28; no collection on Thanksgiving Day. Both trash carts and recycle bins will be emptied that Friday.

Christmas Day and New Year's Day also fall upon a Thursday this year so the pickups for December 25 and January 1 will be postponed one day, to Friday December 26 and Friday January 2.

Bulk waste will not be interrupted; that means that furniture pickups will be picked up on the 2nd Thursday of each month: December 11 and January 8. Any questions, contact the Village Office or Sandy Coughlin.

Christmas Lighting

Lake Park Lights: Beginning November 29, the Lisa and David Brown family's 8th annual synchronized holiday lights and Christmas music shows play every half hour from 6 till 9pm at 4019 Lake Charles Road. Viewers may watch and listen from the sidewalk, or from the comfort of their own vehicles. Please follow parking guidance. The Union County Christmas Bureau benefits from any offerings if spectators wish to donate at the program. More info at www.lakeparklights.com.

Sunday Dec 7 Christmas Events: From 5:30 to 6:30pm at Town Center Gazebo Park, a Christmas concert performed by Union Academy and Faith United Methodist Church and the 6pm Village Christmas Tree, lit by the 2014 Hometown Heroes, the Ashley and Shannon Dance family will be held. Afternoon holiday home tours are not scheduled this year. HOA is sponsoring horse-drawn carriage rides, hot chocolate and cider from 6 to 8pm at the Community Center. Santa Claus may stop in. This annual outdoor festivity is our last village event in 2014 and all families and friends are welcome to join together before Christmas. Dress warmly, bring lawn chairs, and enjoy the village decorations!

Village Decorations: Electrician Mike Wienecke has arranged the public building lights, the

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Call 911 to report emergency or any suspicious behavior.

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decorated trees in public areas, and seasonal banners from the street lights again this year. The task begins in October. Village decorations are lit through New Year's Eve. For \$12,835 the holiday lights are installed and removed. Included this year: new wreaths and garlands to the Sages Pond fence and the Veterans Pond hollies will be trimmed with patriotic red, white and blue lights.

Public Hearing: Sign Limits

Council invites public comment at the Community Center 7pm Dec 9 on a proposal to codify the usual practice of obtaining village permission before adding a sign on public property or in the public right of way. Preview the proposal at www.lakeparknc.gov or at the Village office.

2014 Chili Cook-Off Winners

The ninth Annual Cook-Off featured seven volunteer chili chefs. The winners and their recipes: 1st Bruce Barton: Dad's Family All Occasion Chili 2nd Terry McBroom: Dr. Carson's Chili 3rd Melanie Miller: Carolina Campfire Chili.

Thanks to all the chefs, volunteers and residents for making this November village tradition a success.

2014 Property Tax Bills

Village and County property tax bills are due January 5, 2015. These were mailed in August to all non-escrowed property owners. If your mortgage company does not escrow your taxes, but you have not received a bill, notify Cheri Clark.

Who Let the Dogs Out?

National Police Association Training

Mayor David Cleveland explained that Lake Park cooperated with the Matthews Police Department and the Union County Sheriff's Office for bloodhound training exercises in early November as part of the National Police Bloodhound Association's annual certification. Officers attended from across the United States.

A few handlers were allowed to visit Lake Park to put some of the hounds through their paces in the village, actually sniffing out other officers who 'hid' for the hounds to find. It's serious hide-and-seek; this training prepares teams for actual search events when they are called for duty.

Parking Reminders

Motorists can avoid parking tickets by parking no closer than 30 feet from any intersection, 20 feet from a crosswalk, and 15 feet from any fire hydrant. Parking is prohibited in the space between a sidewalk and a street or alley, or within 6 feet from the street or alley on grass (if there is no sidewalk).

Economic Development

Total Tranquility Salon announced that massage services are continuing with Jessica Peach LMBT who is a NC certified massage therapist available by appointment at 6136 Creft Circle: 882-3035.

The Offices: Have you noticed the Little Free Library box that Paige and Jeff Welch have placed outside 6132 Creft Circle? Participation is completely on the honor system, and intended for all ages to share and enjoy. Have an interesting book you'd like to donate? Browse the sidewalk box to see if there is a book you'd like to borrow or exchange.

Parks & Recreation

Sidewalk Project: Uneven panels have been planed and restored all around Creft Circle. This project removed potential tripping hazards where frequently trafficked panels had settled or heaved out of alignment over time. Council is prioritizing other neighborhood sidewalks where panels may have similar issues. Residents observing uneven sidewalk panels in their neighborhoods are asked to notify Cheri Clark so Parks & Recreation can consider the severity before scheduling another sidewalk project.

Photos Needed for a Renewed Village Website: If you enjoy photography, or have a favorite Lake Park photo or two, Mark Phillips and Pam Jack would like to hear from you. Any good shots of a Lake Park scene or event will be considered as Council updates the official website. No selfies, please.